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LOURENCO MARQUES FOR EASUM

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EA, SF, MZ

SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA TO SUPPLY WHEAT TO MOZAMBIQUE

- 1. PRESS OF NOVEMBER 19 QUOTES MIN AGRICULTURE SCHOEMAN AS STATING SAG "EXPECTS TO AGREE THIS WEEK" TO SEND WHEAT TO MOZAMBIQUE WHERE SHORTAGES THREATEN, ESPECIALLY IN BEIRA AREA. EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO SEND 20-30 THOUSAND BAGS (OF 90 KILOS) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MIN SAID MOZAMBIQUE HAD ORDERED WHEAT FROM U.S., BUT THERE WERE DELAYS AND IT WAS NOT EXPECTED UNTIL END OF JANUARY.
- 2. FOREGOING TELEPHONED CONGEN WALKER IN VIEW PENDING EASUM ARRIVAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES NOVEMBER 19 FOR BACKGROUND PENDING CHECKING OUT STORY WITH SAG OFFICIALS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. COMMENT: IN ATTEMPTING RUN DOWN THIS STORY, GENERAL MANAGER SA WHEAT BOARD DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE SUCH PLANS. OFFICE OF MIN AGRICULTURE SCHOEMAN HAS TOLD AGATT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM GOM, ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME PRIVATE INQUIRIES ABOUT POSSIBLE SALES TO COVER GAP UNTIL ARRIVAL OF U.S. WHEAT. INDICATED OFFICIAL GOM REQUEST WOULD BE "CONSIDERED". ALSO STATED SA ITSELF FACES POSSIBLE STRINGENCY IN WHEAT SUPPLIES THROUGH DECEMBER BECAUSE FINAL CROP ESTIMATES NOT YET AVAILABLE.

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